GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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BANNED MILITANT OUTFITS
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various banned militant organisations of Pakistan, particularly Jaish-e-Mohammad and Jamiat-ul-Furkan have re-emerged in Jammu and Kashmir under new names;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check their activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): There were reports that Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Toiba have changed their names to Al-Furqan/Tehrik-ul-Furkan and Pasbane-Ahle-Hadith respectively. However they are still continuing to operate with their original names. Barring a few press releases, no activity of outfit under banner of Jamiat-ul-Furkan has come to notice in J&K.

(c): Besides diplomatic initiatives and deployment of troops at border/LOC, the Government conjointly with the State Government, have adopted a multi-dimensional strategy to contain/control the menace of terrorism, which includes, inter-alia, strengthening border management to check infiltration; pro-active action against terrorists within J&K; gearing up intelligence machinery; improved technology/weapons/ equipments for security forces; action against overground supports of the terrorists under existing laws, etc.